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A. M. A. Meeting, Portland, July 11th to 14th. We have just received every assurance from the Committee of Arrangements that ample accommodations at reasonable rates are to be had, and the Committee guarantees that there will be no extortion.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The House of Delegates, at the recent meeting of the State Society, acted on some matters of considerable importance to county societies, and these should be given careful consideration. The By-Laws were amended so as to make the fiscal year of the Society from January 1st to December 31st, in order to simplify the business. The assessment upon component societies no longer covers a period of from one meeting to the next, but will be for the given fiscal year, will be due in January, and *must be paid before the first of April*. The official membership for any year shall be the actual membership, in good standing, on the 1st day of January of such year. In other words, the By-Laws, as they now stand, require that each county society secretary shall make his annual report of membership as early in January as possible, and in that report shall give the *actual membership on the first day of January*. Proper blanks will be issued by the secretary of the State Society, for making these reports. The assessment was fixed by the delegates at \$2.00 per member for the year 1906, so that every secretary of a component society will know exactly the amount of the assessment of his society for that year (\$2.00 for each member on the roll on January 1st, 1906), and this amount should be sent in with the list of members, or as soon thereafter as possible. These changes were made in order to

systematize the business of the Society, which is now considerable, and is rapidly growing and expanding. All members should bear in mind the fact that in order to conduct the business of the Society in a proper manner, every detail must be looked after, and the work must be systematized.

The House of Delegates also passed a resolution earnestly requesting all component societies to elect their officers and delegates in December or January; preferably December. This is simply in line with the general movement to straighten out details. If the fiscal year of the State Society is from January to December, it will be a great convenience to have the fiscal year of county societies correspond; or at any rate, to have the term of office of the officers of such societies conform thereto. For instance, take the matter of compiling the list of delegates to the State Society: Some component societies now elect their delegate or delegates as late as April, and consequently the list of delegates cannot be made up and closed until just a few days before the time for the annual meeting. The secretary of the State Society therefore adds his plea to that of the House of Delegates, and most earnestly requests component societies to elect their officers and delegates in December.

All county societies are requested by the State Society, through its House of Delegates, to consider the "question of the compulsory notification of tuberculosis, for the purpose of thoroughly discussing the subject and suggesting the best method of making this effective, and indicating the class of cases that should be notifiable." The portion in quotation marks is a transcript of the official minutes. The subject came before the Society at the second general session, in the address of the President, and when the report of the Committee on Tuberculosis was presented and discussed. The President strongly urged notification; the committee did not touch upon the matter in its report. The question is now before all county societies, and should be discussed by them. Shall compulsory notification of tuberculosis be required, as in scarlet fever, diphtheria, etc., and if so, what class of cases shall be considered as indicating the necessity for notifying the health authorities of the existence of the disease? All component societies are respectfully urged to take up this matter as soon as possible, and to notify the secretary of the State Society of their action in regard to it. The tuberculosis problem is a large one, and our Committee on Tuberculosis has done a considerable amount of excellent work; they now need the assistance of all county societies, and this aid should be promptly extended to the committee. Therefore, please bring the question before your county society as soon as possible, and have it thoroughly discussed.